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Ferocious Leopard Escapes From Zoo

HUNT FOR MAN-EATER

Oklahoma City, Feb. 26.—A safari of 21 Marines equipped with high powered rifles and walkie talkies and radios stalked its way through the suburbs of Oklahoma City today in search of a jungle-bred leopard.

Aided by several employees of the Lincoln Park Zoo from whence the leopard fled captivity on Saturday, the Marines were poking cautiously through wooded areas in the vicinity of the zoo three miles out of town.

In the immediate area and in the northeastern section of Oklahoma City there were people on the streets. House lights in the section burned throughout the night and the residents slept soundly.

The Zoo keeper said the leopard was a killer but there was no lack of volunteers who wanted to take off on their first big game hunt. But only Marines and experienced Zoo attendants were permitted to join the formal search.

Fraser, the Zoo keeper described the Indian-bred leopard as 175 pounds of "greased lightning." The beast had been confined in a 20-foot deep pit in the Zoo. For a week he had been springing for the top trying to escape. On Saturday he completed a seemingly impossible jump to freedom.

Hunters were working against time because every passing hour increases the danger that the leopard might strike. The last had its last meal more than 24 hours ago.

Frazier said it should be easy to hunt it down because it will certainly seek prey. Also the hunters were anxious to find the leopard before dark when the night prowler would have increased advantage over its seekers.

The weather was clear and sunny as the rescue marines moved slowly through the woods on orders from walkie talkies. They picked up tracks believed to have been made by the vicious fugitive and followed them two miles from a point where they were discovered more than a mile north of the Zoo. —United Press.

Hooded Woman's Body Found In Lake

Alexander City, Alabama, Feb. 26.—A nude and hooded body of an elderly woman fished from Lake Martin confronted the police today with a sinister murder plot that they feared to have claimed more than one victim.

"There may be another body in there," said deputy sheriff J. L. Ingram. He explained that the bloodstains found on the highway bridge railing near the body's location did not match the woman's blood in tentative tests. The woman had been shot three times with a .38 calibre weapon.

Any of the shots was enough to kill her. She

also had been clubbed on the head. There was no immediate clue as to who she was. She wore only stockings and shoes. Ingram estimated that she was 65 to 70 years old.

The woman had been in water about two days, a state toxicologist estimated. A gag apparently made from a scrap of her dress had been thrust into her mouth. The hood made from an undergarment had been pulled over her face and knotted about her throat. —United Press.

Indonesian Govt. Expected To Seek Westerling's Extradition

Djakarta, Feb. 26.—The Indonesian Government is expected to make a formal demand to the British Embassy tomorrow for the extradition of Captain "Turco" Westerling, leader of the rebel "Army of the Heavenly Host." He was arrested early today in Singapore.

An official communiqué said that the Government had contacted the British Embassy about Westerling's extradition for "crimes perpetrated by him in Indonesia."

Diplomatic circles here today pointed out that Britain had no extradition treaty with Indonesia. They said that it was not certain whether the Indonesian Government could demand the extradition of a Dutch subject held by a foreign power.

The Dutch authorities maintained silence concerning reports that Westerling's escape to Singapore was engineered by Dutch Army officers. It was not known whether Westerling's wife had also escaped.

Westerling was arrested by a Special Branch police officer at the home of a Chinese in the centre of Singapore. He faces charges of entering the colony without proper papers.

Hired TAXI

Westerling flew out of Indonesia in a Dutch Navy Catalina flying boat and landed at night off the Malayan coast, according to his friends in Singapore.

They said he hired a taxi at Port Dickson, in South Johore, and rode pell-mell into Singapore. He told his friends that his flight was not officially authorized but had been arranged by the pilot, who was a member of his rebel organization.

ANXIOUS ABOUT WIFE

Westerling had expressed anxiety for his wife and three children who, he said, were in hiding in Indonesia. He was afraid that they might be held as hostages by the Indonesian authorities.

Some quarters in Singapore predicted a diplomatic tangle will develop over Westerling's future. It was understood that he could claim Dutch nationality, but one high diplomatic source said that it was unlikely the Netherlands Government would "quarrel with the Indonesian Government over Westerling" if the new Republic was genuine in its extradition request and could prove the charges against him. —Reuter.

Left-Wingers May Give Trouble To Attlee

VITAL PARTY MEETING

London, Feb. 26.—As the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, planned his new Cabinet today, observers predicted that the fate of his Government may hang on the reactions to the Election deadlock at the Parliamentary Labour Party meeting on Wednesday.

The left wing, headed by the Minister of Health, Mr Aneurin Bevan, is likely to insist that there must be no compromise on the party programme for the sake of maintaining shaky office.

Mr Bevan, who pressed consistently for the nationalisation of steel, is said to have threatened to resign if Labour went back on its 1945 pledge to transfer this industry to public ownership.

Mr Winston Churchill and his Conservative "Shadow Cabinet" who will meet on Tuesday, have it in their power to bring down the Labour Administration within a short time and some Socialist leaders will not care if they do.

They foresee great permanent damage to Labour's cause if the Government, lacking an effective Parliamentary majority, prolongs its existence, unable to give the country the strong direction required for recovery.

But if Labour wanted to temporize, the Liberals, whom both the Conservatives and the Socialists blame for the Election stalemate, may be useful to the Government in a balance of power position.

CABINET SPECULATIONS

The Liberals do not want another Election—it would probably mean their extermination as the public might regard it as a waste of time to vote Liberal again and again instead for the Tories or for Labour.

Backed by the Liberals, the Government party may have a majority of between 20 and 30 in Parliamentary divisions. But Labour is not expected to court this support to the extent of capitulating on nationalisation or other aspects of policy—on which the Liberals might demand pledges in return for their help.

The probable personalities in the new Cabinet was a topic of lively discussions in political quarters today. It is assumed that the Cabinet hierarchy will remain unchanged.

Mr Herbert Morrison is likely to remain leader of the House of Commons and Mr Ernest Bevin, unless he has other ideas, will continue as Foreign Minister.

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were to have been General Kinov's immediate associates.

They were also reported to have been arrested.

Shortly before the death of M.

Dimitrov, which occurred in Moscow last July, General Kinov was called to the Soviet Union,

where he was issued a statement that he was at M. Dimitrov's bedside.

On his return to Sofia he was reported to have said that he signed a prepared statement without having seen M. Dimitrov.

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NOMANSENSE

Imagination & Dash



By ALICE ALDEN

FEATHER trimming, handled with imagination and dash, yet with restraint, is always beautiful. Even when it isn't a big feather season, the important milliners usually include one or more such hats in their collection. Robert Dudley did a hand-made hat, which is well suited to either dressy or more tailored wear. Fuchsia coloured felt is used for the close-fitting model, hand-draped and manipulated from side to side. A long feather wing spray accents the right side.

Itching May Go Without Rash

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

WE usually associate itching mation, and in ulcer of the stomach or bowel. Diseases affecting the liver or gall-bladder are common causes of generalized itching. Hence, when this symptom is present, it is advisable to have an examination made to determine whether or not there is a jaundiced condition in which bile pigments collect in the blood and tissues.

Inflammation of the liver, which interferes with the liver action in general, as well as gallstones and tumours of the liver, all may be responsible for the itching. Chronic infections of the bladder may also produce itching.

A whole series of serious ailments is associated with this type of itching. One of these is Hodgkin's disease, in which there may be enlargement of the spleen. Another is leukemia, a condition in which the white cells of the blood are greatly increased. The itching may be due to diabetes or it may even indicate the presence of cancer. Itching is also a common symptom of chronic kidney infection.

Persons who are sensitive to certain dusts, pollens from plants or drugs and foods, may have itching of the skin without any rash.

Drugs which may cause itching are morphine, cocaine, quinine, or sedative or quieting drugs, such as the barbiturates.

Infections in the teeth, tonsils, gall-bladder, or appendix, as well as in the prostate gland, have also been reported as a cause of the generalized condition. Perhaps the most common cause is some type of nervousness.

In view of the large number of cases of generalized itching, it should not be neglected. A thorough study should be made at once to determine its source.

Tape Worm

Generalized itching may also be produced by the presence of such parasites in the body as the tape worm or round worm. It may often occur in constipation, in bowel inflam-

mation, and in ulcer of the

The Right Shade of Powder



Courtesy Harriet Hubbard Ayer

Take time to choose just the right shade of powder; you'll find it makes a big difference in your appearance. And always be sure to have a clean puff to apply it.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NOT so many years ago—old-time sisters remember it well—a woman had choice of three shades of powder—white, flesh and brunette. For some reason, white was considered most lady-like—a quaint word; that almost out of date—and the result was, that many a pretty girl had a nose which looked like a marshmallow.

Now a single cosmetic will produce as many as a dozen tints. And why not? There are more natural complexion colours than that, ranging from the pale face to the florid, to the golden.

If you are particularly fussy you can buy a cosmetic bar and get a special blend. Your "prescription" showing just what colour have been used and how much of each, will be filed away so that you can get a repeat order at any time.

Should it happen that the powder you are using is too light in tone it will accentuate every tiny defect in the skin; on the older women it will make fine lines even more apparent.

With the right selection the fair complexion may appear to be a nicely tanned surface instead of greenish-yellow with which some of the sallow-complexioned girls are afflicted.

It is important to keep in mind that the consistency of different powders vary. The woman with a dry skin should find one with an oily base; it will stick by her longer. Cream rouge will be a happier selection than the compact.

For the oily skin the fragrant calcining should be light, free of elements of oily character. It should also be applied lightly, sifted on with the powder pad, never ground in to press powder into the pores.

PORTRAIT ROMANCE



A few months ago 21-year-old Delaire Elizabeth Hone, daughter of Sir Ralph Hone, Governor of North Borneo, met Major Robert Tollard, a London portrait painter, who had her picture painted. Now they are to be married.

FUTURE WITHOUT TEETH

Penang, 94 percent of Malaya's school children will either grow up with no teeth or will eventually have to wear false sets, according to the Federation's Chief Dental Officer, Mr C. F. Mummary.

"They must be taught young to take good care of their teeth," he said.

In the new Balik Pulai clinic, and in other dental centres which it is hoped to set up in every village in the Federation, not only children but also expectant mothers will receive guidance in proper diets for dental health.

Mr Mummary said he hoped to get new accommodation for the training of more dental nurses for the Federation.

SPRING FRESHNESS



DORVILLE'S angora sweater with ribbing at waist and deep V neckline—just right for spring wear.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Batch Of Orange Recipes

"I AGREE with you, Chef,

"And the dressing, Madame?"

"Peel 2 large California oranges and cut out the sections. Chop enough nuts of any kind to make 1/4 c. and add 1/4 c. quartered stoned dates (or substitute raisins). Arrange the salad as follows: Shred iceberg lettuce, and with it make beds on salad plates. On this arrange the orange sections in wheel formation, with a large spoonful of the nuts and dates in the centre. Pour over honey-lemon dressing. Serve at a luncheon or in place of dessert at dinner."

Orange Nut and Date Salad

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Coffee Cakes

"But, Chef, what are the coffee cakes, sweet rolls or sugared doughnuts that so many people have with coffee in the morning?"

Honey-Lemon Dressing: To 3 tbsp. mild flavoured honey add 1 tbsp. lemon juice and mix thoroughly.

Orange Shortcake

Sift together 3 c. enriched flour, 1/2 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. double-neck baking powder. Chop in 4 tbsp. butter, margarine or shortening, with pastry blender until the mixture looks flaky. Beat 1 large egg light and add 3/4 c. milk. Stir this into the flour mixture. It will be very thick. Spread in an oiled 7" x 11" baking pan, bake in a hot oven, 400 F., from 20-25 min. Then cut in halves; spread each half lightly with butter or margarine and put together and top with sweetened sliced oranges or orange sections which have been slightly warmed. Pour over any orange juice. Serve warm at once.

Frosted Orange Cookies

Sift together 1 1/2 c. enriched flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. baking soda. Add 1/4 c. softened shortening (any kind), 1 c. light brown sugar, 1 egg, the grated rind 1/4 orange, and 1/2 c. orange juice. Beat until smooth, about 2 min. Then add 2 1/2 additional tbsp. orange, and 3 tbsp. orange juice. Include enriched bread or rolls, with butter or margarine.

**All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four**

**Ways With Oranges
Baked Stuffed Oranges**

Choose thin-skinned Florida oranges. Cut a slice from the top and scoop out the pulp. Remove any seeds. To the pulp add 1/4 the quantity of raisins, diced dried figs and chopped nuts of any kind. Refill the oranges with this. Place in a good-sized casserole. For 8 medium-sized oranges dissolve 1/4 c. sugar in 1/4 c. water and pour into the casserole. Cover and slow-bake at 325-350 F. until the orange

skin is so tender it can be pierced with a fork. Remove to a dish; cool and pour over the syrup remaining in the casserole. Serve as an accompaniment to baked Virginia ham, or other smoked meats.

Trick of the Chef

Before measuring shortening for a first dip the spoon into hot water and it will not stick.

Short Dress For Evening



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

Ribbon In Paris

Millinery

PARIS.—A Paris house, Létroux Soeurs, uses a great deal of ribbon for trimming, especially plaid taffeta, and plain, bright grosgrain, made into big bows with numerous loops and placed upward at the front of the hat. Other hats have less elaborate bows at back, ending in flaps.

As for shapes, the tendency is toward thick cushion brims, slightly jutting at front or flat brims—elongated and up at sides; padded roll movements are obtained through sectioned brims, turning up to leave on the crown.

Crowns are varied; they are of one piece with the brim, giving a "bonnet" effect; or they have flat tops; others end in a point and hug the head. This last tendency occurs in young-looking beretons.

Handsome picot and rö are often used by Legroux, who works the braid from the top of the crown down into the elongated brim, instead of the usual circular movement. Other straws include Panama and fine pailleton in whole shapes.

This house favours natural straw and some bright colours, such as red.

Hubby Refuses Kisses

Kisses

A woman won a divorce in the Detroit, Mich., courts on the grounds that her husband refused to kiss her because he was afraid of germs.

U.S. TURNS TO THE SEA TO BEAT THREAT OF THIRST

POCKET CARTOON
from America
by OSBERT LANCASTER



The United States, the richest country in the world, has suddenly realised it is short of the most vital commodity in the world—water. Scientists say they may have to drink from the sea.

1950 Army Art Show Features

The Army Art Society has given notice that its 19th exhibition will be held in London during the autumn, and invites works for consideration from all ranks in the Forces. These entries can be accepted without distinction from past and present members of the Forces, whether permanent or temporary.

At the last exhibition, which was held in October 1949 in the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, 300 works in oil and water colour, drawings, pastels and sculptures were on show. Great public interest was shown, and a fair number of the exhibits were sold.

The Society was originally formed in 1925 as the Army Officers' Art Society, but later on membership was thrown open to all ranks. As its members enjoy opportunities for travel which are often denied to other artists, the Society makes a special feature of subjects painted abroad which other Societies can seldom bring before the public.

Those who are subscribing members are entitled to submit four works at each exhibition without paying hanging fees, but non-members may also submit up to four works also, though in their case there is a submission fee of two shillings for each work sent in, plus a hanging fee determined by the Committee but which is limited by rule to a maximum of 7s. 6d. for each work submitted.

The honorary secretary is Lt.-Col. A. G. Armstrong, 19, Knightsbridge Court, Sloane Street, London, S.W.1.

THIS KISS WAS PRICED AT \$176

The Virginia Industrial Commission has put a price on a kiss—\$176 dollars.

This particular kiss was

executed by Mel Turner and

Phena Darner, both players in

the famous Barter Theatre of

Virginia, in the course of a per-

formance of Mohr's "The

Imaginary Invalid."

The New York Sunday Mirror reports that Mel played the part with such fervour that the first four rows of stalls leant the crutch of his nose when he was misjudged and knocked off the lady's forehead. He carried on to the end of the play, then went to see a doctor, who told him he had a fractured nose.

Later, he received a sizable bill for the repair of his nose.

So, on the theory that he was

injured in the line of duty, he

filed a compensation claim for

medical expenses and unemploy-

ment with the Industrial Com-

mision. The Commission recog-

nised his claim and promptly

sent him a cheque for \$176.

This, incidentally, is not the first legal recognition of the potential damage of a kiss.

A Colorado Supreme Court decision some years ago held that a kiss can be as dangerous as intoxicating as alcohol, and that anyone so intoxicated is responsible for damages incurred in this exhilarated state—in this case a motor car accident.

Producer Ida has got her in-

vestment back—with dividends.

Outstanding feature of "Not

Wanted" is the moving perfor-

mance of 10-year-old Sally

Forrest, in the leading role.

Ida Lupino picked her, an un-

known actress, because she re-

sembled her own appearance

when she first arrived in Holly-

wood for a few hours each day.

Learning To Be An Actor

London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art has earned the status of Britain's National School of Acting.

It derives its popularity from the astonishing success of its students ever since it was founded in 1904. The autumn term last year started with more students than ever—200 of whom 141 are men. Twenty-six came from the United States.

Students must be more than 16 but there is no age limit after that.

The mainstay of the students' diet is character acting from heavy drama to drawing-room comedy, but broadcasting, television, and everything else in the realm of theatrical training occupies Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The professional staff of 40 is supplemented by stage people of renown.

About a dozen students get weedied each year for not making adequate progress. Promising ones get professional jobs while still learning.

A stiff exam decides those who are permitted to enter the academy, and tuition costs £60 unless 3 years for two years. Only seventy of 310 recent applicants satisfied the judges, who are experts at spotting special crannings as opposed to spontaneous dramatic feeling.

Charles Laughton is one famous R.A.D.A. gold medallist.

The Academy's big theatre, blitzed in 1941, is being rebuilt and will be the finest student theatre anywhere.

"BEWARE OF THE LION"

Postmen delivering letters to a house at Durham will get a shock when they see the sign "Beware of the lion."

It is put up by farmer James Walton, who has decided people don't take enough notice of watchdogs and has bought a lioness named Simba.

Simba, he said is fully domesticated and under full control. He takes her on a nightly stroll on a lead like a dog, then she settles down on a rug in front of the fire.

The clerk to the local council pored over by-laws when he heard about Simba. But there was no mention of lions. So he said, "Go ahead."

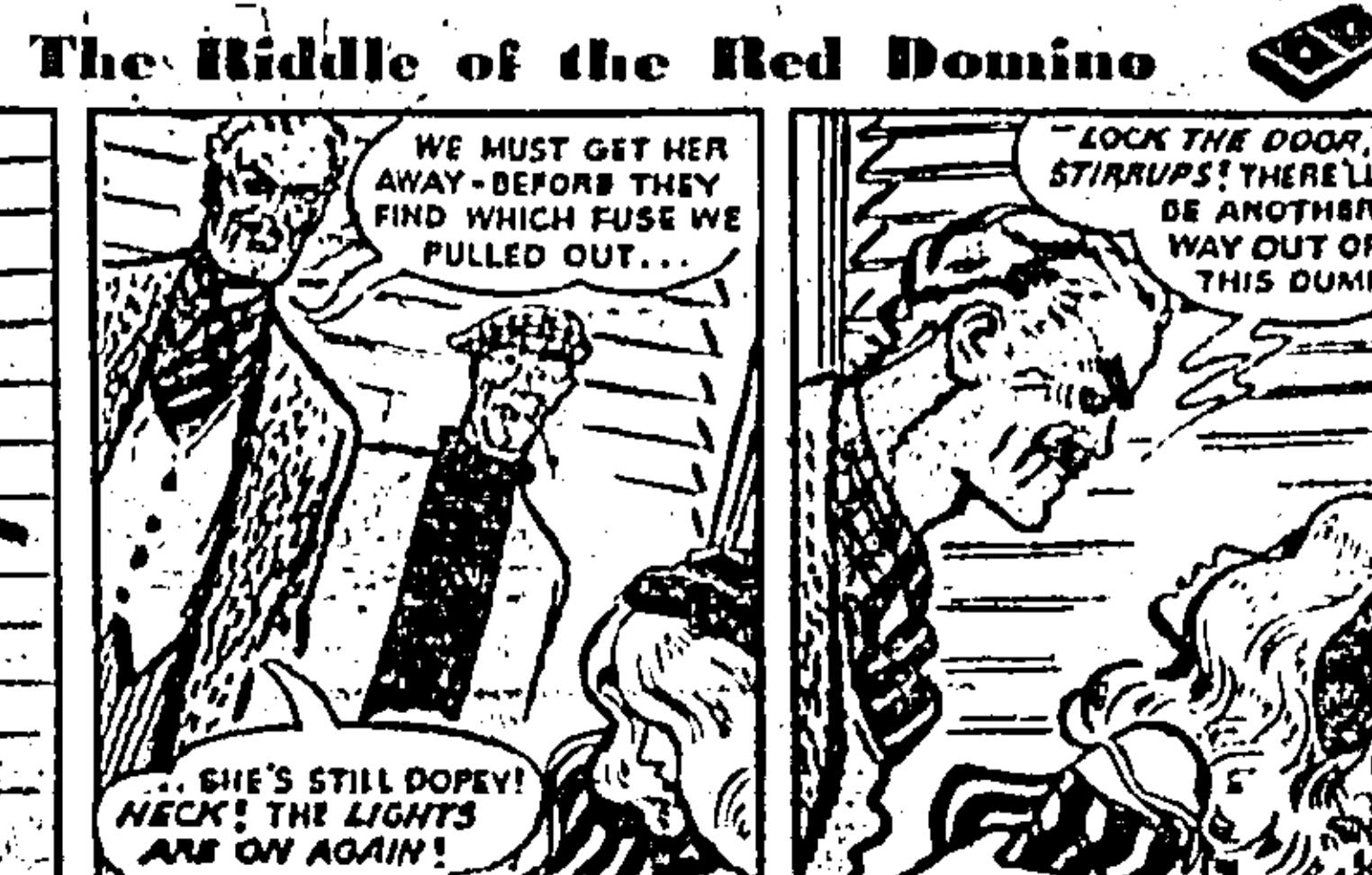
Just Telephone The Kremlin

A notice on the bulletin board in the Press section of UN headquarters reads: "Advertisement, advertisement—Does a mountain mar the beautiful view of your summer residence? Then phone 'Kremlin Mountain Moving-Service.' We specialize in making molehills out of Alps and vice versa."

Tantrum Babies

A day nursery for tantrum babies has been set up by Middlesex County Council. Sponsors say these problem children will benefit if they are taken away from their homes for a few hours each day.

K. O. CANNON



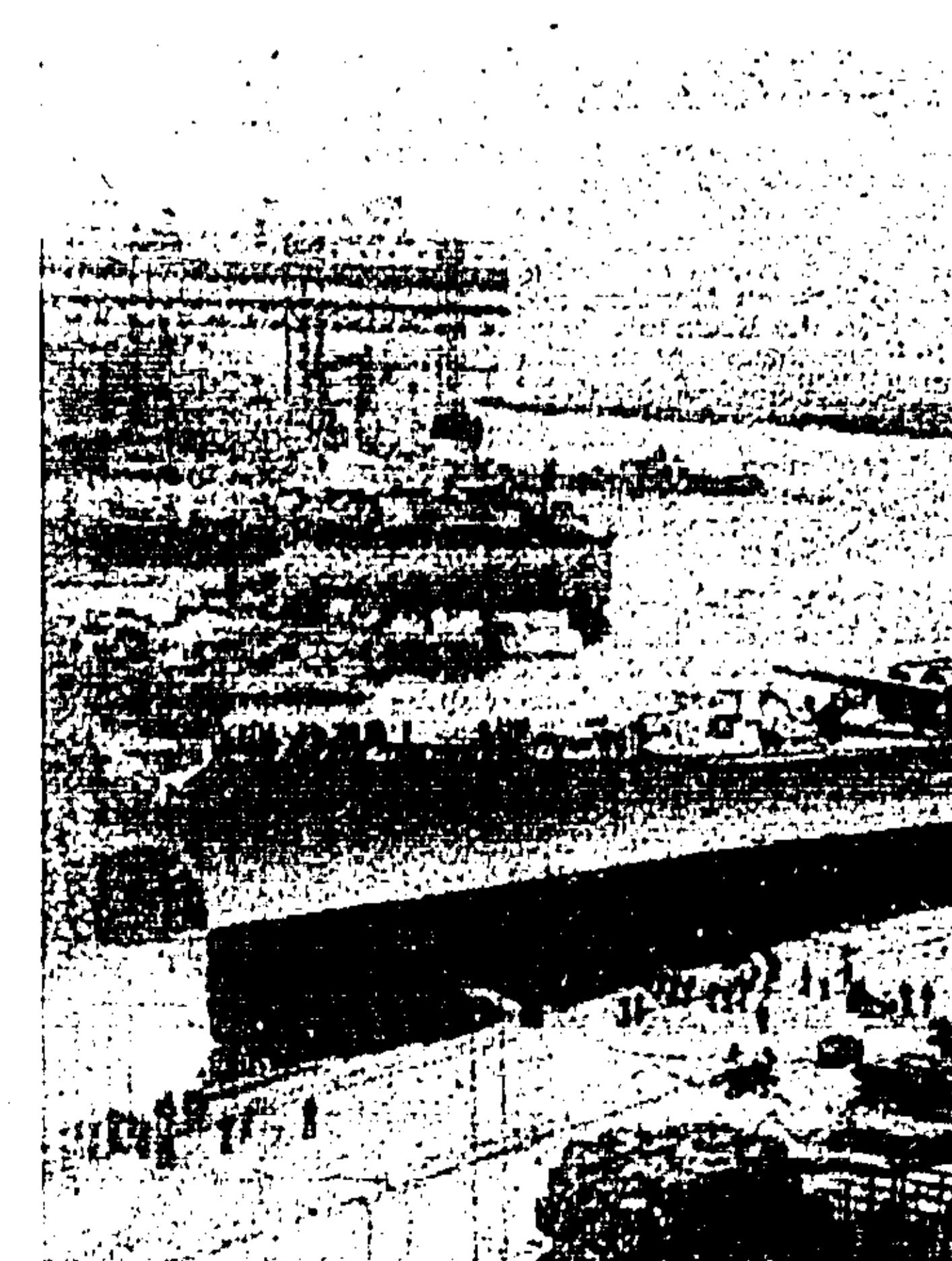
NEWS IN PICTURES



COMBINED ARTISTRY—Augustino Vincenzi, a barber in the Bronx, New York, gives a haircut to a customer surrounded by paintings he has done. A native of Italy, Vincenzi specialises in portraits of nationally known figures and ecclesiastical subjects. He has been painting for 20 years, or the same length of time he has been a barber.



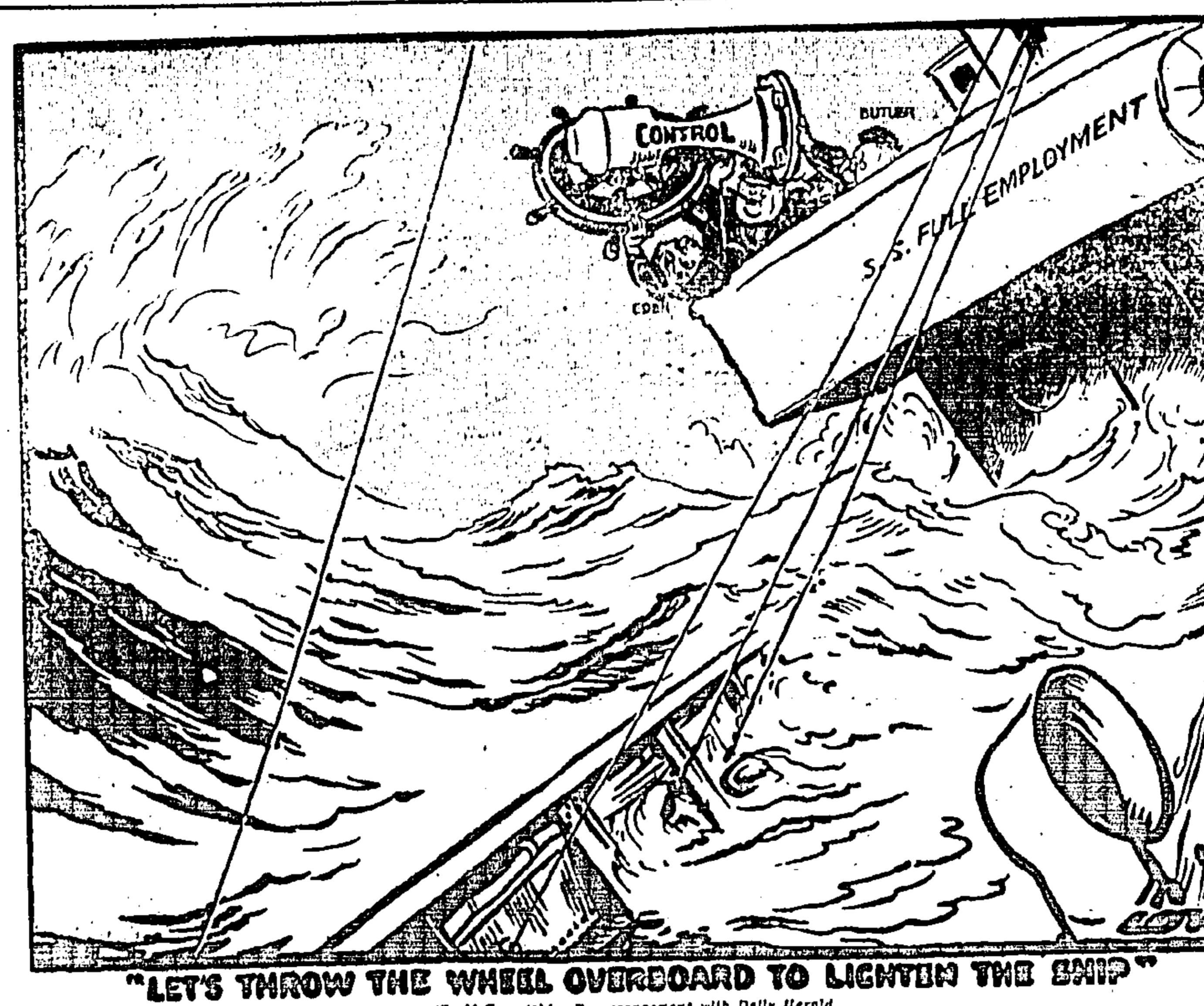
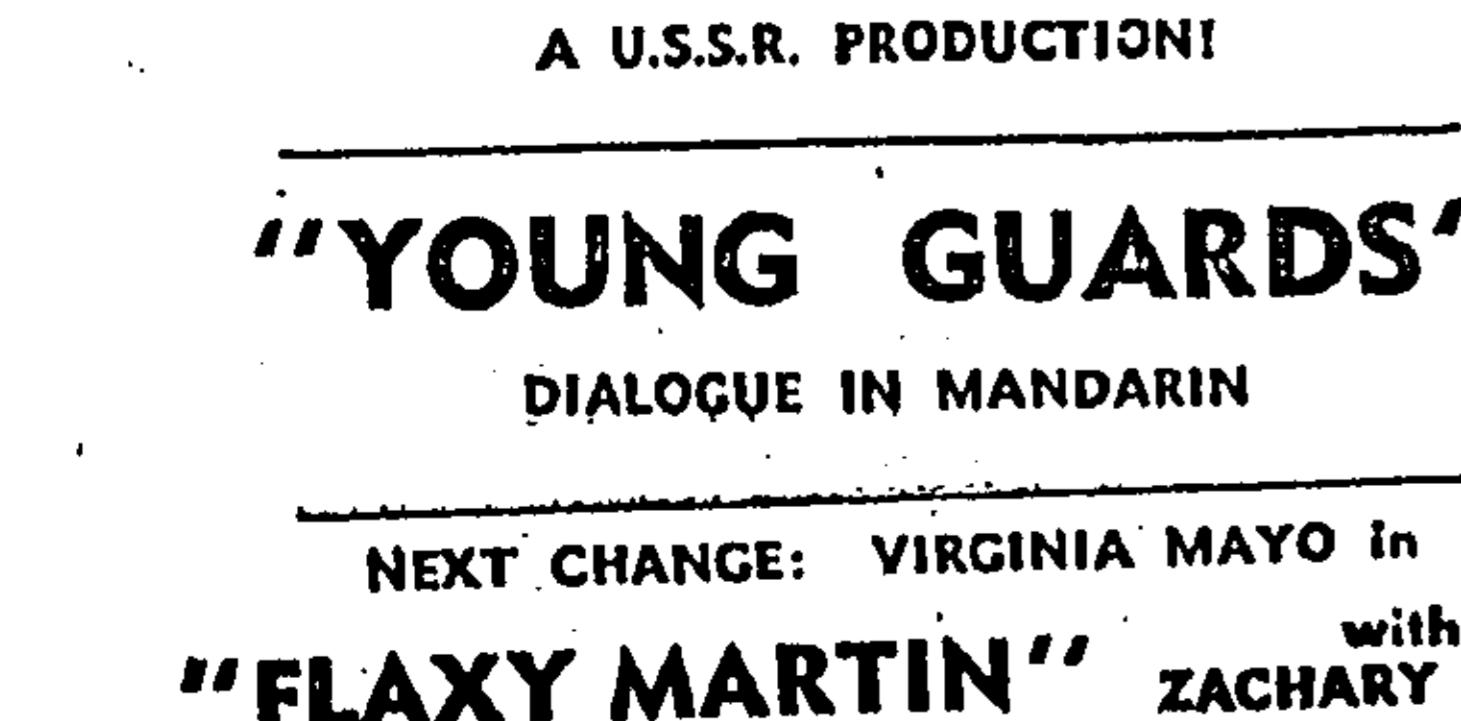
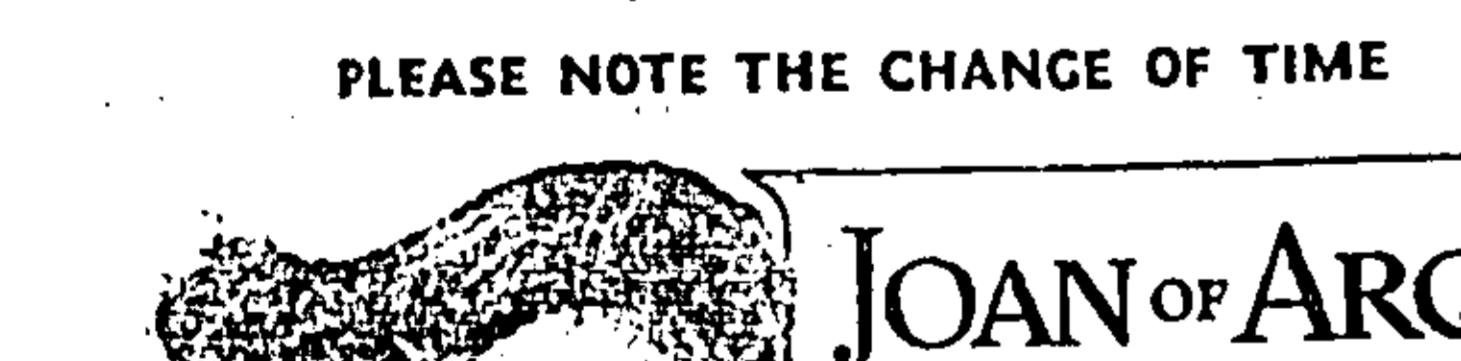
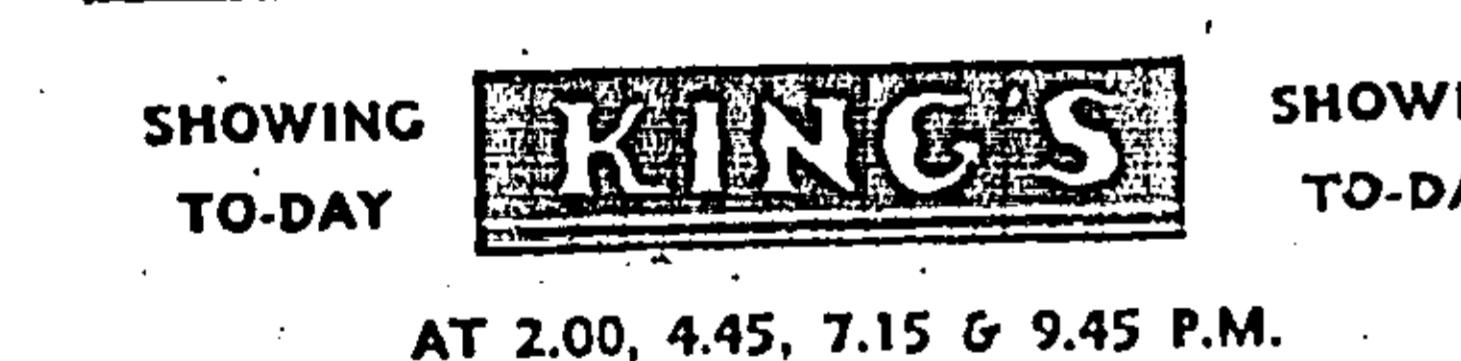
COLD OUTPOST—A lone Husky dog watches a tug-of-war team bring supplies ashore at the British base in the Argentine Islands, a centre of the nation's Antarctic outposts. Britain's lead in scientific research in the desolate area was established some years ago.



GOING THROUGH TESTS—The U.S. battleship Missouri is shown as she goes through dock trials at Norfolk, Virginia. The trials involve testing the engines, which were fouled when the vessel ran aground.



GOOD CHOICE—Starlet Jean Peters has been named Miss Valen-tie for 1950 by a men's tie organisation. Jean demonstrates what can be done when a girl drapes herself in some of the latest men's tie creations.



Worries Bring a Fortune

By Frederick Cook

NEW YORK. Businessmen are always for sale. Mr Weismann's years of buying have taught him that his business is buying other people's businesses, and things have never been brisker than they are just now.

A surprising number of business men who do not at all like the look of the future of American economy are looking around for someone to take over their load. Mr Weismann is no so as to cash in on the current prosperity.

In the early '30s, owners of businesses wanted to sell because they were losing money. In the war they wanted to sell so as to cash in on the current prosperity.

Why are they willing to sell today? There are four main selling groups, he says:

1—Older men seeking to put their house in order from a realisation that life is at best an uncertain affair;

2—Business men who have realised that with modern taxation, dying is a luxury and that their heirs may have to liquidate the business anyway to meet taxes;

3—Business men who say frankly, "I'm fed up with arguing with labour. Let someone else fight the union";

4—Men who worry about future profits, because they fear intensive competition or think there will be more restrictive practices by the Government.

As chairman of his own company in New York, he has bought some 80 businesses since 1931. Prices have run from £2,500 to £975,000.

Mr Weismann's annual mail has turned him into something of a cynic, and completely into a realist. His considered opinion is that about 70 percent of United States' businesses with a turnover of less than £1 million annually have considerable difficulty in surviving and in the main are not making money.

A situation Mr Weismann has sometimes found amusing—and often profitable—is when two competing firms realise they are not making money but each is too proud to sell to the other. Then he steps in as a "neutral," makes an offer for one, and often buys.

Mr Weismann, once a "merchandising administrator," was ruined in the depression. He started buying businesses without a penny. His method: To round up a syndicate with capital and take 40 percent of any ultimate profit. By 1937 he had made a new fortune. Now he is a multi-millionaire.

(London Express Service)

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Inside The 'BERLIN KREMLIN'

BLACK GUARDS, pistol on hip, patrol outside a walled compound in the Soviet sector of Berlin. Inside live the Moscow-picked men—and their families—who have been set up as the East German Government. Berlin has pieced together this first full story of life inside the miniature Kremlin. It provides one explanation for the anxiety of the East to get Western recognition for the People's Democracy.

By WILLIAM DAEMMER

ERLIN. A NEW brick wall runs beside the little River Panke where it sparkles and eddies through a wooden park on the north-east border of Soviet Berlin. The wall is half a mile long and twice as high as a man. Both sides are strongly patrolled day and night. The German Black Guards, who move silently among the trees, wear smart black uniforms with silver-coloured shoulder flashes. They have new belts of bright brown leather, and each man carries a revolver on his right hip.

If, ignoring the revolvers and the rest, you scaled the wall, you would find nothing more grisly than a well-kept lawn, an enormous black car on a path beside it and, pacing on the grass, a lonely old man, thick white hair shoving beneath a Homburg hat, his bulk swaddled in a heavy grey top coat.

Most Germans would envy them their villas, even if they are only of the outer suburban family type that could be put up for say, £800 in the days when that sort of thing was allowed.

Here are the homes of the men who, with Pleck, make up the Communist Government of this "People's Democracy," and like Pleck, all who live in the compound are as carefully guarded as if they were lunatics or lepers.

Only the little River Panke leaves his royal hunting lodge and his well-kept lawn to drop in on the Otto Grotewohl, for instance, he could not fail to contrast his own spacious home with the lack of space provided for his Prime Minister.

For besides the presidency Comrade Pleck also inherited a royal domain—this Panke park was ever gone visiting in the Premier's street of many trees and many mansions where once the Friedrich Wilhelmstrasse,

one of the narrowest in the whole compound.

The presidential car always uses the front gate. If he drove out of the side entrance, it is said, there would be only one Black Guard to salute him.

The truth is that in this compound of a Government which has abolished rank, it is still rank-up or down the Communist ladder—which tells.

Shopping precedence presents its problems in the compound. The keenest shopper is Frau Lotte Kuehn-Ulrich, who runs the household of bearded Deputy Premier Walter Ulrich, the "modern Lenin of Eastern Germany"—and reputed to be the man Moscow most trusts of all this Government.

Frau Lotte is known for her swift eye for food bargains in the special shop for high-ups where Germans and Russians still meet, and where every shopper must show a special admission card before being allowed to buy.

Other Government frus avoid being seen in this store for high-ups and foreign diplomats from the East. Among the many is young Frau Professor Gertrud Kastner, wife of Economics Professor Hermann Kastner, the so-called Liberal Siegfried-lane, such as Bismarck-alley, Kronprinz—a avenue, and Siegfried-lane.

Among these reminders of Prussian glory the wall and palisade come together to enclose a compound, the Kremlin of Kastner.

Another shy Frau Minister is Frau Nuschke, who was 21 when 57-year-old Deputy Premier Nuschke made her his fourth bride.

In the Hohenzollern days complex rules governed the leaving of visiting cards at the lodge. Now there is only one rule, which makes it simpler for the compound—every visitor must leave his identity card before he is allowed in the gate.

Only the little River Panke can get in and out of the compound without a special pass.

The leaving of your identity card is a guarantee of your conduct while you are visiting. You get the card again as you leave—and in the interim the Black Guard will have been able to check up on your desirability as a visitor.

Much of the State business that is done in the compound is formal and ceremonial. Official pictures show President Pleck receiving a delegation of communists who told him they had fulfilled their target by 102 percent, or receiving a delegation of miners and metal

Soviet zone," said Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger, but the Westerner refused to be led into negotiating with an un-elected Government whose legal existence the Western Powers deny.

But Western recognition—just that—remains the chief hope of the East zone "People's Democratic" Cabinet inside the Kremlin of Berlin.

Until this hope matures, they will stay in their compound with the protective Black Guards as a tangible symbol of their own fear of facing a free electorate.

(London Express Service)

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The U.S.A.

NEW YORK. BEARDED Peter Everhard, 23-year-old artist from Hove, Sussex, had made only £7 in six months from his paintings when he got to New York.

That dream of success which brought him to the U.S. last July had faded. A week sleeping on park benches with a few cents in his pocket was calculated to kill it altogether.

But not quite.

With a satchel of water colours under his arm, Peter set out determinedly along Fifth Avenue. He was looking for an art gallery.

He found the British-American Gallery, run by Mrs Ali Story. Out came the water colours. Mrs Story was impressed. She put off an exhibition by "Grandma" Moses, the U.S. farm woman who gets £1,000 a picture. In its place went a Evershed exhibition.

Result: Peter sold ten pictures for prices from 12 guineas to 80 guineas, has commissions for many more.

SALESMAN Mr Frank Rostrom takes the road soon in search of Americans who want to save money by buying British.

Neither he nor his firm is discouraged because Seattle, his first U.S. stopping place, ignored charges of discrimination and turned down his bid—the lowest by £70,000—to supply electrical equipment.

So Mr Rostrom is off to Los Angeles. The job there is not as big as that at Seattle, but he thinks it is worth trying.

ROOSEVELT - FOR - GOVERNOR NOR talk is sweeping through New York for the first time since 1928. This time, the Roosevelt is F. D. R. Junior.

There is a £35-a-head dinner ahead for every important Democrat in New York. Guest of honour Mayor William O'Dwyer is ill, so he picked Roosevelt to take his place — choice of great political significance.

So a campaign to run Roosevelt against his father's old opponent, New York State Governor Tom Dewey, this autumn is gathering strength.

Footnote.—It was from New York's Governorship that F. D. R. senior moved to the White House.

Reason for the orders—President Truman recently passed a Naval officer during his morning stroll. "Hello," said the President affably. The officer turned on his heel and walked the other way.

CATASTROPHIC illness only would be covered under a compromise national health programme Washington is now discussing. These would be illnesses which lay up a family's chief money-maker for so long that the family would be financially ruined.

The plan, it is estimated, would not cost more than £500 million a year. The lowest estimate for President Truman's all-out plan is £1,000 million a year.

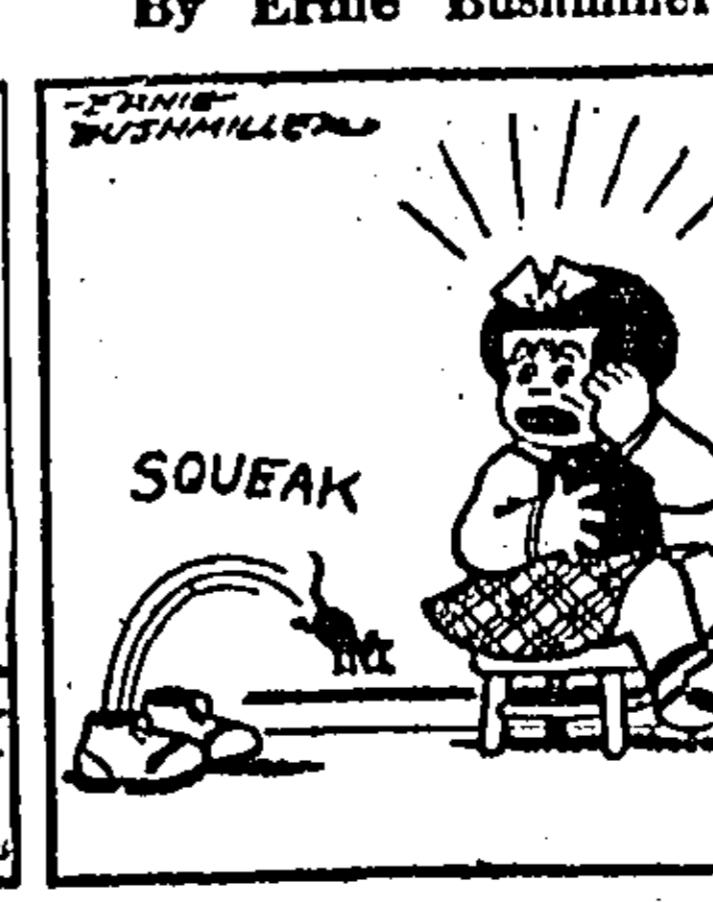
FORECAST: The man likely to be chosen by President Truman to boss America's atomic factories is Chester Barnard, 63-year-old ex-businessman, head of the Rockefeller Foundation.

WAGES: Labour Secretary Maurice Tobin is not satisfied with this year's minimum wage law, which forbids employers to pay less than 5s. 4½d. an hour (75 cents). He has called for a new law making 7s. 13d. (one dollar), an hour the minimum.

In TACOMA, Washington, the judge presiding over a case listed as Bergman versus Bergman suggested he ought to disqualify himself. The judge's name—Rossellini.

DEPLORING a tendency of American parents to return to the "old-fashioned" practice

NANCY Rattled



By Ernie Bushmiller



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SOVIET SCHEMES ANTI-FOREIGN PURGE PROCESS

London, Feb. 26.—Britain will resist as long as possible manœuvres by the Eastern European satellites to squeeze Western representatives from behind the Iron Curtain, officials indicated today.

However, a reduction in the size of diplomatic units in Eastern and Central European countries was believed unavoidable and a marked reduction in trade contacts with the Eastern European states also was anticipated as a result of their increasing self-imposed isolation.

Diplomatic quarters said the latest move on the part of Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland against Western representatives were part of an overall plan to "get rid" of foreign observers inside the Iron Curtain and reduce contacts of their representatives abroad to a minimum.

To experts on Eastern European affairs, it was apparent the moves were initiated by Moscow because:

Recent resignations from the staffs of Eastern European Legations in the West have become too frequent and therefore embarrassing to the Communist regimes of the satellites. Practically every one of the satellites has in the past 12 months lost diplomats serving abroad, preferred to go into exile rather than return to their homes.

2. Moscow fears the Legations of satellite countries abroad may serve as channels of unprotected contacts with the West and turn into centers of possible Titoism in the countries they represent.

3. The Kremlin wants the least possible independent move on the part of some of the satellites through their representatives in the capitals of Western democracies.

4. Russia fears that supervision of foreign diplomats in the capitals of the satellites lacks thoroughness and that foreign observers may report too freely their impressions and

MAO BACK IN CHINA

London, Feb. 26.—The Chinese Communist leader, Mr Mao Tse-tung, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, have crossed the Soviet border into China from Moscow, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported to-night.

The Chinese leaders and their entourage arrived in Moscow in mid-December and left on February 17.

On February 14 Chinese and Soviet leaders signed a 30-year friendship treaty.

Mr A. Lavrentyev, Deputy Foreign Minister, was among a group of Russian officials who bade farewell to the Chinese delegation at the frontier station of Olop.

A guard of honour was mounted and Chinese and Soviet flags were flown. Reuter.

Wayne Richardson's Award

New York, Feb. 27.—Wayne Richardson from Hongkong, an Associated Press correspondent, who braved Chinese naval gunfire for an exclusive news beat, Sunday, won the George Polk Memorial award of the Overseas Press Club.

He was cited for his "courage, integrity and enterprise above and beyond the call of duty."

Richardson sailed as a volunteer aboard the Flying Arrow of the Ibrahimtsen Line when she was heavily shelled and set on fire by a Nationalist Chinese gunboat while trying to pass the blockade off Shanghai.

He was the only Newman aboard and poured out a series of exclusive stories over ship's radio before and after the shelling.

The club's award, which carries a US\$500 prize, is named after a young American correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System who was assassinated nearly two years ago while covering the disorders in Greece.—Associated Press.

Cow's Record Milk Production

Durham, England, Feb. 26.—A world's daily milk production record for her breed was claimed today on behalf of a Jersey cow at Durham, County Durham, England.

Professor R. W. Wheldon, Dean of Agriculture at Durham University, who owns the cow, reported that her milk production for the 24 hours ended 6 a.m. today was 120% pounds. He said that the previous record for Jersey was 90%.—Associated Press.

The Supreme Champion At Crufts



For the second time in succession Mr H. S. Lloyd's Cocker Spaniel, Tracy Witch of Ware, was judged to be the best dog in the show at Cruft's Dog Show held at Olympia, on February 10 and 11. Photo shows "Tracy" Witch of Ware.

SEMI-OFFICIALLY:

Moscow Declines To Be Impressed

Moscow, Feb. 26.—Pravda's top commentator, Ilya Ehrenburg, today attacked what he called

American diplomatic blackmail with the "atomic bomb or super bomb," but, like other Soviet publicists, he did not mention the hydrogen bomb by name.

He said that for four years in a row the Americans had brandished the atom bomb, and now that the effect of that had petered out, they were pushing the new "super bomb."

"Bombs and super bombs mean principally blackmail. They think we Soviet people possess weak nerves. They vainly think we will raise our hands up after listening to President Truman's utterances..."

"The roar of guns, tanks and bombs is still in our ears. We were not frightened then. We didn't raise our hands, but those who stupidly thought they could scare us surrendered."

"Let grocers and haberdashers get busy with something else. Let them advertise their stocks of super bombs. Let the Republicans frighten the Democrats and the Democrats frighten Republicans with new political scandals... as far as we are concerned, they are getting hot under the collar in vain."

He then paid tribute to the American people, saying that, like all the world's people, they did not want war. But, he added, there were many naïve people in America who did not understand politics.

An example of politics, he said that during the presidential election campaign, Mr Truman forgot only of "peace"; but when the election was over, Mr Truman recalled the word "bomb" and forgot "peace".—United Press.

ELECTED BUT MAY NOT GO

Belfast, Feb. 26.—Mr A. J. Mulvey, the newly elected Irish Nationalist Member of Parliament in Westminster, said today that the Anti-Partition League will probably meet this week to decide if he should take his seat in the London Parliament.

At present he is pledged to boycott it in protest against the British attitude to Ireland.

Several Nationalists are pressuring him and the other Nationalist Member of Parliament, Mr G. Henly (Tyrone), to reverse this decision and take advantage of the narrow Government majority by attending.

This would be mainly a propaganda move. They would be unlikely to vote for either the Conservatives or for Labour.—United Press.

Moira Shearer Married

London, Feb. 26.—Red-haired ballerina Moira Shearer was married to a young writer yesterday in the Royal Chapel of Hampton Court Palace.

The star of the film "Red Shoes" and a leading dancer of the Sadler's Wells Ballet wed Ludovic Kennedy, former college tutor turned writer.

Hundreds of people crowded into the courtyard of the historic Palace of King Henry VIII hours before the ceremony.—Associated Press.

Answer Will Be No

Singapore, Feb. 26.—Australian Communists who apply for permission to enter this British Colony will be given a curt "no," an official announcement said.—Associated Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.I.C.T. 6. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6.02 Children's Half Hour—Conducted by Jack French (Studio); 6.15 "The Story of the Half Hour" (Studio); 7. World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 7.15 Hill Billy Maquedades—Presented by Raymond McMillan; 7.30 "The Story of the Record"—Presented by Ronnie Gibbons (Studio); 8. "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.15 Linda Carter—"Like What I Like"—Presented by Margaret Ferguson (Studio); 8.35 "The Last of Castle Khevali" Mystery Play by Ed Khevali (BBC); 8.45 "Concerto" Haydn's Concerto in C Major. Soloist: violinist Leon Goldberg. (Violin) with the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra, George Eakdale (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra.

10.10 "Spanish Nights"—Reported by "Bellinis" (Studio); 10.15 Weather Report; 10.16 "Bellinis" (Studio); 10.18 "Mysteries" (BBC); 10.20 "Concerto"

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10.25 "World News Real London Relay"; 10.35 Weather Report; 10.45 "Music for Dancing"; 11.15 "Weather Report"; 11.30 "World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded God Save the King); 11.30 "Close Down."

Mataukok Fire

A small fire which damaged a quantity of furniture broke out at the Man Young Cotton Mills, Mataukok at 8.45 p.m. yesterday. It was soon extinguished by an appliance sent by the Kowloon Fire Brigade.

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"The idea, giving me a parking ticket! Why, I still could have you arrested for breaking my windows with your baseball when you were a little boy!"

AMERICAN COAL STRIKE THREATENING CRISIS

Eleventh-Hour Effort For Settlement

Pittsburgh, Feb. 26.—Striking soft coal miners saw victory at hand today in their titanic ton-month struggle for a new contract. United Mine Workers' pickets, however, still planned an all-out drive tomorrow for a complete shutdown in the coal fields.

Industry sources warned that the industrial machine of the nation would cease functioning unless the strike ended "at once". The nation's economy was deteriorating rapidly.

So-called "brown" markets in coal were operating in five states. More than 150,000 workers in coal and dependent industries will be idle tomorrow as shutdowns and cuts mount steadily. The figure can double or triple rapidly.

The hopes of miners spurred an UMW negotiator and coal operators went into an extraordinary Sunday session in Washington. Optimism also was generated by the surprise call of district UMW president to Washington by the Union's international officers.

Lee Burkey, strike leader at Maxwell, Pennsylvania, said the men "really think victory is within touching distance." Strike-enforced "browns" marched through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan. Even so, purchasers had no assurance of deliveries. One Pittsburgh buyer, who had ordered Eastern Kentucky coal at US\$7 a ton, lost out when the fuel suddenly was diverted in transit to another broker who bid more.

The city of Pittsburgh, which needs 10,000 tons daily in the current sun-freezing weather, received 1,000 tons yesterday for hospitals, institutions and "hardship" cases. City officials in some areas seized coal supplies and rationed it out to emergency cases. Other cities reduced room temperatures to below 70 degrees, closed schools and ordered trolleys and elevated railroads to operate at reduced speeds.—United Press.

DESERATE ATTEMPT
Washington, Feb. 26.—Soft coal negotiators made a desperate eleventh-hour attempt today to settle the contract dispute before John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers go on trial tomorrow on civil and criminal contempt charges.

An air of cautious optimism prevailed at the union-management talks.

Reports said only 50 cents per day separated union wage demands from what the operators would pay.

The Union faces the fact

Death Of Sir Harry Lauder

(Continued from Page 1.)

He sang his own compositions and he soon had the British Isles singing "Stop Your Ticklin' Jock."

King Edward VII received Harry Lauder at a private performance at Rutherford Palace in 1908. Newspapers of that period said the chattering Scot had the King shaking with laughter with a new song, "It's Nice to Get Up in the Morning, But It's Nicer to Lay About."

By this time Lauder was rated the highest paid artist in British vaudeville. He also was highly popular in the United States and elsewhere.

He received his knighthood in 1910 for services rendered during the First World War when he entertained allied troops and earned enormous sums of money at charitable concerts.

He lost his only son, Capt. John Lauder, during the first World War and his balls were mingled with sadness in songs like "We Parted on the Shore," but regained their old liveliness with "The Wangle of the Kilt."

ANOTHER SAD BLOW

The loss of his wife, Annie, was another sad blow. He erected a shrine to her memory on the Scottish hills at Strathaven to which he paid periodic pilgrimages.

During the Second World War his enthusiastic work for the fighting services continued unflaging.

But doctors warned him against working and, overriding his protest, they ordered him to take a prolonged rest.

However, he still managed on occasion to sneak away and sing a wee song for the ladies.

At 77 years of age, he said he was tired of resting and playing golf—"chasin' a wee gutty ba" and announced he was contemplating making another world tour.

He gave his own recipes for longevity: "Early to bed, lie as long as you can; eat ham and eggs, and you'll be a fine man!"—United Press.

Stupid As Well As "Rude"

Prague, Feb. 26.—The paper Rude Prave, altered today, that the Roman Catholic Church apparently had threatened to excommunicate any Catholic who voted for a Communist candidate in Thursday's British general election.

The paper, organ of the Czech Communist Party, said the "bourgeoisie used open terror and fraud during the election."

The paper did not elaborate. — Associated Press.

YEMEN PLOT DENIED

Cairo, Feb. 26.—The British-owned Egyptian Gazette said today that King Ahmed of Yemen has broken up a plot to overthrow the government, led by his brother.

An undated dispatch reported that the King's brother, Sult al-Izam Ismail, who was Minister of Education, is now in prison at Hishish. A number of conspirators fled to the neighbouring British colony of Aden, the Gazette said. It reported that most of them were teachers and students.

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A CURIOUS WEEK-END IN THE CRICKET LEAGUE

BY "RECORDER"

It was a curious week-end in the Cricket League, the giants having their day on Saturday with 10-wicket victories against teams that were expected to put up more of a struggle and the surprise coming on Sunday when Royal Navy at King's Park came near enough to depriving Scorpions of four very desirable points at this stage of the season and did succeed in depriving them of three.

KCC Juniors, defeating the KGVS by four wickets, won the Second Division Championship. The schoolboys' performance was poor indeed, considering that KCC were short of the star of the side, "Tinker" Lee, and were not on paper a better team than the opposition. With KGVS out for 61, it was easy enough for the KCC to win though they lost six wickets in reaching 63.

The surprise of the week-end was the crushing defeat inflicted on the IRC by the Scorpions, who had the Indians out for 40 at Chater Road and on Universi-

ity by the Army, who had the undergraduates out for 67.

Frank Howarth took six wickets for 14 in 10.2 overs, including A. R. Kitchell, and A. A. Lumjahn, both of whom were out for a duck as were three other members of the IRC batting side.

Thus, the Indians who had beaten the Optimists by 10 wickets on the same ground, lost by 10 to their clubmates.

Howarth's three wickets the next day against Royal Navy at King's Park brought his total for the season to 71, one short of the post-war record in the First Division—and there are quite a few matches yet to be played.

Jardines Win Inter-Hong Match

Jardines dismissed Indians for 53 runs in an Inter-Hong game at Chater Road yesterday after scoring 100 themselves. Sellers set Dodwells' hopes crashing. He took six wickets and caught two other batsmen.

One of these was Arby. He was hitting confidently at 52 when Sellers caught him on the boundary. Holdsworth (17) was the only other Dodwells batsman to reach double figure.

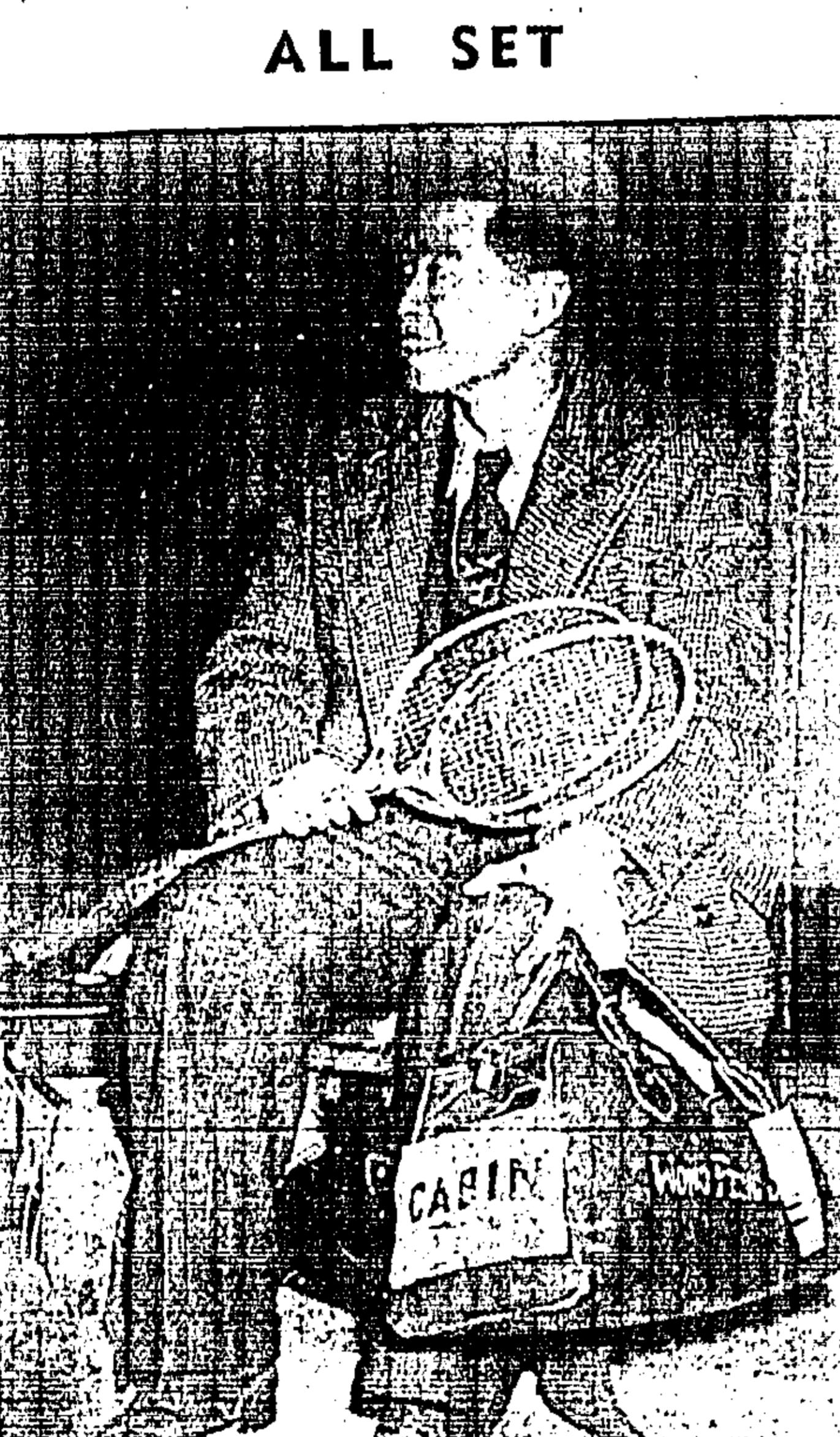
Howarth was the day's top-scorer, taking 81 and hitting 13 fours before Pereira bowled him. Arby was second best bowler with four wickets, and Pereira and Tremlett got three each.

The results:

JARDINES						
T. M. Hutchison, bow. Pereira	12	O	M	R	W	
C. L. C. Blatt, c. Devonson, b. Arby	13	1	2	6	3	
D. Holdsworth, b. Holdsworth	20					
J. D. Hawthorne, b. Pereira	21					
J. V. Tindall, c. Devonson, b. Holdsworth	1					
H. D. M. Barton, b. Pereira	5					
A. P. Pereira, b. Holdsworth	1					
A. J. Bowden, bow. Arby	0					
D. F. Landale, not out	13					
G. M. Mills, c. Clegg, b. Arby	12					
Extras	1					
Total	103					
Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W		
Pereira	10	2	6	3		
Arby	11	1	1	6		
Holdsworth	3	2	1	2		
Carter	2					
Blatt	1					

DODWELLS

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N. Arby, c. Sellers, b. Barton	32	O	M	R	W	
J. McKay, c. Landale, b. Sellers	9	1	1	1	1	
G. G. D. Carter, c. Mills, b. Sellers	1					
A. P. Pereira, b. Holdsworth	17					
N. J. Tindall, c. Sellers, b. Holdsworth	4					
T. G. Birley, b. Tremlett	1					
E. A. Champ, b. Tremlett	0					
J. E. L. Larsen, b. Sellers	0					
J. A. King, not out	6					
Extras	6					
Total	93					
Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W		
Barclay	5	13	1	1		
Sellers	11	2	1	10	1	
Barton	2	1	1	10	1	
Blatt	0	3	2			



Wong Peng-soon, 31-year-old Chinese-born Badminton Champion of Malaya, arriving at London Airport for the forthcoming All-England Badminton Championships (March 4) at the Empress Hall, relinquished by David Freeman of America. He brought to London with him four racquets—but no food.

League Cricket Averages BATTING:

	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
T. Grant (R. Navy)	9	1	301	61	37.62
N. E. Arby (Optimists)	15	1	497	70	35.50
D. Ondley (Commandos)	11	3	273	75*	34.12
A. H. Madan (IRC)	8	1	226	67	32.57
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	14	3	345	77*	31.30
M. W. Holme (Army)	14	3	330	55	30.00
I. Darbysire (Army)	8	1	203	46	29.00
G. A. Souza (Crafengower)	15	5	284	89*	28.40
K. M. Rumjahn (Crafengower)	13	1	304	96	29.00
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	13	2	305	56	27.22
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	15	3	326	101*	27.16
E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	11	2	232	60	25.77
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	12	2	213	61	23.00
D. A. Pantin (RAF)	12	3	212	34	23.35
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	15	3	277	50*	23.00
K. G. A. Ball (RAF)	12	1	273	53	22.75
Z. Zimmerman (KCC)	14	2	206	48	22.00
E. J. Moorhouse (RAF)	12	2	216	60	21.00
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	14	2	247	63*	20.50
G. H. Cunningham (RAF)	14	2	244	64	20.33
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	14	1	202	52	20.15
*Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs for an average over 20.00.					

BOWLING:

	Over	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	235	61	504	71	7.09
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	104.4	15	291	30	8.70
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	112	23	293	31	9.12
A. R. Minu (IRC)	126.4	28	394	40	9.65
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	63.4	12	203	20	10.15
J. C. Koh (University)	62.3	8	219	21	10.42
R. E. Lee (KCC)	113	30	331	30	11.03
L. White (R. Navy)	169	43	426	42*	11.11
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	108.2	23	271	25	11.21
R. S. Cull (Scorpions)	96	15	317	27	11.71
G. N. Graves (Commandos)	125.4	23	300	31	11.93
R. C. Corfield (Army)	152.1	30	433	36	12.0*
J. C. Tyrer (RAF)	118.4	21	308	25	12.3*
T. H. Lean (University)	130.2	30	393	30	13.10
E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	100	21	306	23	13.3*
W. M. Mitchell (Army)	102.6	13	410	30	13.6*
K. C. Ball (RAF)	121	20	368	26	14.15
A. R. Abbas (IRC)	100.4	18	350	24	14.5
Qualification: 20 wickets for an average under 15.00.					

American Springs A Surprise On European Skiers

Bunff (Alberta), Feb. 26.—The United States produced a surprise win in the North American Downhill Ski Championships here when the usually invincible European skiers bowed to Miss Janette Burr in the women's event.

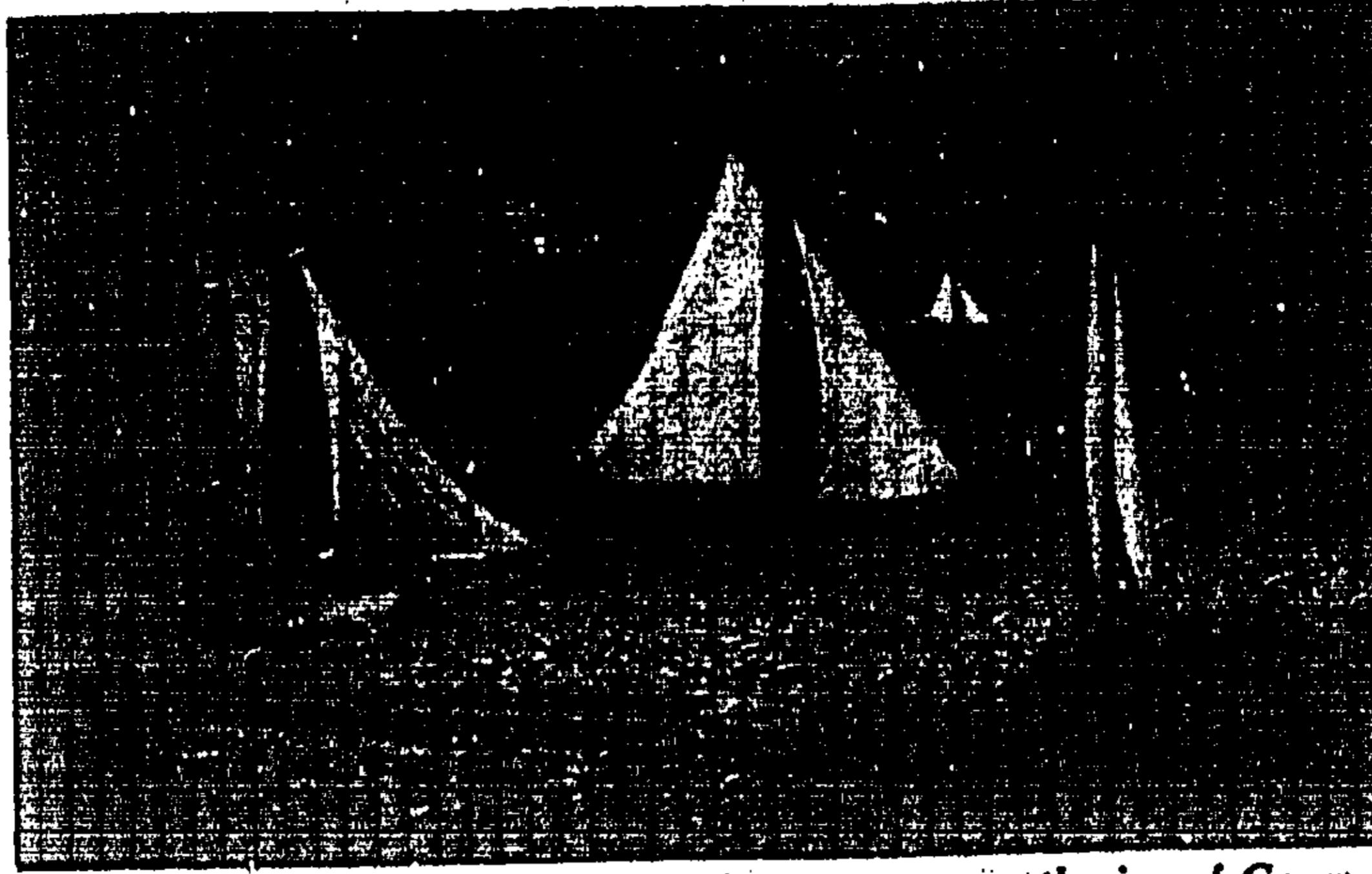
Erika Mahrling, of Austria, who won world's downhill crown at Aspen, tore a muscle in her leg on Friday while training over the men's course and could not compete.—Reuters.

Dagmar Rom, 21-year-old Austrian, today won the North American Women's Slalom title with two runs of 54.3 secs. within the half-mile course.

Her unoffical time was 4.3 secs. faster than that of the runner-up, Erika Mahrling, also of Austria.

Miss Rom won the World Slalom and Slalom Championships at Aspen (Colorado) last month.—Reuters.

BEATING THE FREEZE



Ice-yacht skippers prepare for a race across the ice of Gouw Sea as a cold spell freezes the waters of Holland's canals and inland seas.

Egyptians Want To Stage A Tennis Tournament On A Wimbledon Scale

BE EDWARD POLLAK

Cairo, Feb. 26.—Gorgeous Gussie's recent romance and her lace panties—if she wears them—will add to the excitement of Egypt's 1950 tennis season. Beautiful Gertrude Moran heads a team of four American girls in Egypt's International Championships due to start on March 3 at the Gezira Sporting Club. Pat Todd, Barbara Scottfield and Gloria Butler are the others.

The Egyptian Lawn Tennis Association (ELTA) has ambitions year. It claims the forthcoming Championships will rank behind only Wimbledon and Forest Hills.

"We are confident we can do better than Roland Garros (where France's International Championships is played)," said Habib Sursock, ELTA secretary general, recently.

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Jiroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech, reached Wimbledon's final in 1949 to be beaten in five sets by Ted Schroeder (USA). He played in last year's Championships here but retired from the Men's

singles semi-finals because of lumbar.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Safety Play

♦ A K Q J 10	N	♦ A K Q J 10	♦ A K Q J 10
7 4	W E	♦ J 10 9 5	♦ J 10 9 5
♦ 8 3	S	♦ 9 6 2	♦ 9 6 2
♦ K J 3	Dowler	♦ 9 2	
♦ A ♠ K Q 6 3		♦ A ♠ K Q 6 3	
♦ J 7 4		♦ J 7 4	
♦ A ♠ Q 7 5		♦ A ♠ Q 7 5	
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1 ♠	1 ♠	2 ♠	2 ♠
3 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♠	4 ♠
4 ♠	Paus	Paus	Paus
Opening—A ♠			

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I firmly believe that card players have learned how to really enjoy cards at the same time, through their charity card parties, to do a great deal of good.

I want to give you an unusual safety play today. The opening lead of the king of spades held the first trick. West then played the ten of spades, wanting his partner to overtake it with the ace, so he could lead back a club. East did overtake, but declarer trumped with the three of hearts.

If West had not led the ten on the record trick, but the queen of spades, and East did not overtake, the declarer's correct play would have been not to ruff, but to discard a club. However, when the ten was overtaken with the ace, declarer had to ruff to prevent a club shift.

At this point the average player would proceed to cash the ace, king and queen of hearts, but that would be the wrong play. You must make a safety play and provide against four trump being in one hand.

You lead the six of hearts and let the opponents take the trick. Now if they continue with a spade you have a heart in dummy to trump with.

However, if East wins the trick and returns a club you can jump up with the ace. Then pick up the outstanding trumps and cash your five diamond tricks. Your ace of clubs gives you your tenth trick for your contract.

Check Your Knowledge

1. In radio what is meant by a sustaining programme?

2. "Tom and Jerry" is a beverage. Describe it.

3. What is a tola?

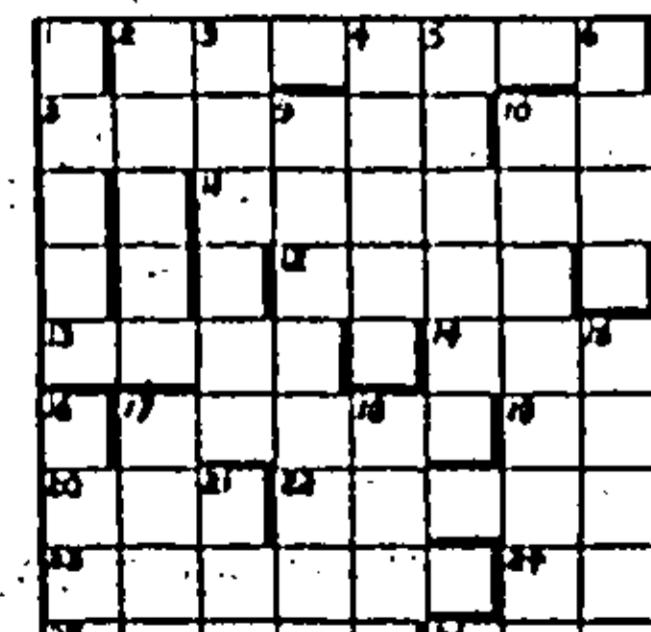
4. How is camphor produced?

5. What does the palm tree symbolise?

6. Name the author of "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso."

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD

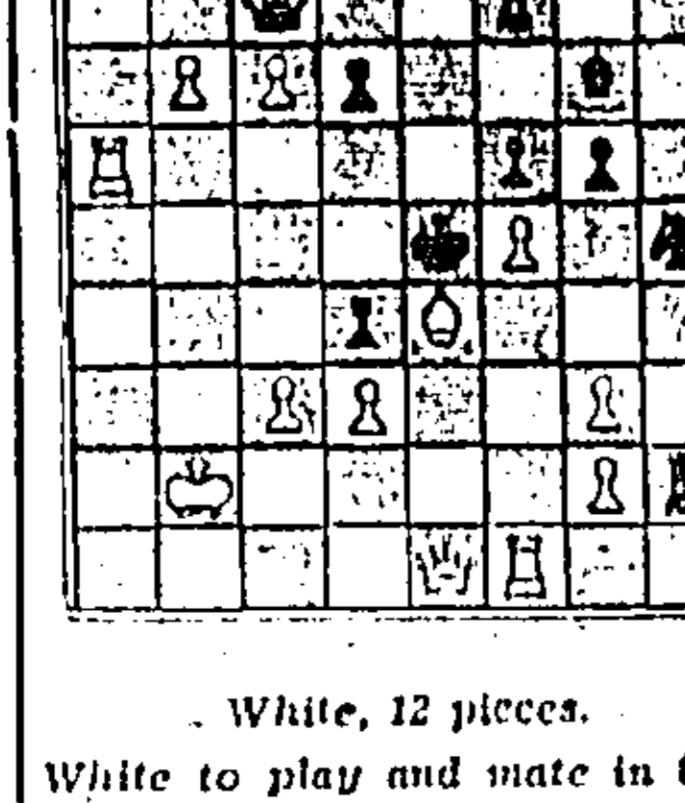


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CHESS PROBLEM

By F. JANET

Black: 10 pieces.



1. This is an open insult. (7)
2. Castled on the armchair. (6)
3. A piece of this chair. (3)
4. No celibate over 18. (7)
5. These are water tanks. (4)
6. The last of the month. (4)
7. The pin-tail duck. (4)
8. This bird runs from hip to knee. (4)
9. Correct, when I am this. (3)
10. The end of all toll. (3)
11. This you make this sort of pancake from an old iron. (3)
12. Axe of the dangerous. (3)
13. The spiral staircase. (3)
14. The broken side Caesar was warned about. (4)
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Repeated Air Raids On Namoa Island

Taipei, Feb. 26.—Namo Island, off Swatow, has been added to the Nationalist Air Force's raid list. War planes were sent repeatedly to bomb the island as soon as Communist invaders occupied it early on Saturday morning.

The planes plastered Swatow airfield and wharves, destroying one 300-ton landing craft and several godowns.

Bombers from Haikou continued their attacks on Luchow Peninsula, Southern Kwantung and the Canton-Kowloon Railway today, while those from Tsinhai struck the Lunghua area in Shanghai, Foochow and other coastal areas.

An Air Force report said a total of 50,000 pounds of bombs was used in the week ended February 22, and as a result 400 Chinese Communists were killed, five steamers, 14 automobiles, and 150 junks were wrecked, three bridges were demolished and a great quantity of gasoline was burned.

In Taiwan, however, the populace was warned to prepare for possible revenge raids by the Communists. Air raid precaution units were mobilized tonight for a mock air attack. The city was completely dimmed out for 15 minutes. More practice will be carried out on Monday and Tuesday. —United Press.

APPEAL BY ISRAEL FOR ARMS

Washington, Feb. 26.—Israel has appealed to the United States and Britain for arms and military equipment for her army and air force, diplomatic officials here disclosed today.

The Israel ambassadors here and in London were stated to have presented a detailed request to the State Department and the Foreign Office.

Senior State Department officials said a formal "American reply to Israel's request had been drafted after consultation with Britain."

Officials indicated that before sending any American arms to Israel the State Department would ask for full details of the equipment of Israel's armed forces, with assurances that they would be used only for self-defence.

Israeli officials have declined to give the United States or Britain such detailed information, the official added.

Most of the Israel armed forces' present supplies were bought in Czechoslovakia and other countries during the war in Palestine.

Diplomatic officials said that Israel had given no indication as to how it would pay for any American arms received.

The Export-Import Bank granted her \$100,000 loan last year, but this was allocated for development and recovery projects. —Reuter.

Chinese Soldier Interned

Paris, Feb. 26.—Eleven hundred Chinese Nationalist soldiers, interned in Indo-China, passed through Hanoi today on the way to Haiphong, the French press agency reported.

They came from a temporary internment camp at Tong, northwest of Hanoi, and were to be shipped to a camp at Can Ranh, in Southern Annam. —Reuter.

Death Of Vatican Official

London, Feb. 26.—Father Alberto Gambini, administrator of the Vatican's semi-official newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, died last night. Vatican Radio announced. He was a member of the Society of St. Francis de Sales, Catholic priests who specialize in education. —Reuter.

Worcester Under Water



A general view of the scene as floodwaters cover the Hylton Road district of Worcester. The level of the Severn had risen up to 12 ft. 8 ins. in mid-February, and was expected to rise still further. Families were standing by to leave flooded areas.

RECOGNITION OF PEKING BY U.S. MADE REMOTE BY HARDED CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 26.—Chinese Communist acts directed against United States citizens and property in China have hardened Congressional opinion here against any early recognition of the Chinese Communist regime. Some Congressmen, who had been predicting privately that the United States would follow Britain's lead and extend recognition within a few months, now say that it will be delayed indefinitely.

Political observers on Capitol Hill were convinced that the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and the veteran Democratic foreign policy spokesman in Congress, Senator Tom Connally, were preparing the way for eventual United States recognition of the Chinese regime.

Then the Chinese Communists, reflecting strong American protests, seized United States Consular property in Peking and imprisoned the American Consul-General in Mukden, Mr Angus Ward, on charges of assault.

After that, any possibility of United States recognition in the near future vanished in the receding Congressional upsurge of the Chinese Nationalists, from Communist invasion brought forth bitter Republican criticism that the President was capitulating to Communist blackmail.

POLICY BLUNDER

One of the charges levelled by the Republicans was that the Administration had blundered in its Far Eastern policy because the President had abandoned the bi-partisan co-operation policy in Asian affairs while expecting the Republicans to co-operate in European foreign policy.

Democratic spokesmen conceded that there should be seen more consultation with Republican leaders, particularly with Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, the Republican foreign policy spokesman, before the announcement of the "hands off" policy regarding Formosa.

Such consultation might have reduced the vigour of Congressional criticism.

Although facing the failure of the Truman Administration to halt the expansion of Communism in China and the Asiatic territories, the Republicans themselves were divided on what should be done.

THREE-WAY SPLIT

There is a three-way split over what methods should be used to save the island of Formosa from falling to the Communists.

The Republican policy leader, Senator Robert Taft of Ohio joined ex-President Herbert Hoover in demanding that the United States tell the Communists that an invasion of Formosa would not be permitted and also that, if necessary, the United States Navy would be used to block any attempt at a seaborne invasion.

Another section of the Republicans, led by Senator William Knowland of California, and Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, is demanding that arms and money be sent to the Nationalists in Formosa, but it is opposed to military intervention.

Some of the more outspoken Republicans critics of the Administration's Far Eastern policy declared that the State Department was "negligent" for recognition.

Suggestions were also made privately by some Congressmen that United States business interests were exerting pressure for early recognition of the Chinese Communists.

TACTICAL BLUNDER

The demands for military intervention wilted under a blistering Democratic attack in the Senate. Senator Connally challenged the advocates of such intervention to say whether they "wanted to send bright-faced American boys to die in the Formosa jungle."

Democratic spokesmen were quick to assert that some "isolationist" Republicans, particularly Senator Taft, who were op-

UNITED FRONT IN BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY FORECAST

London, Feb. 26.—Qualified officials forecast today Labour-Conservative "working agreement" to keep British foreign policy intact. Broad bipartisanship in foreign affairs has existed between the Labour Government and the Conservative Opposition since 1945. Officials of both parties said they expected this to go on.

Government officials asserted privately that the political stalemate following the election will not change the basis of British foreign policy, a policy which rests on the three "unities" of Commonwealth, non-Communist Europe, and Atlantic community.

They did express the view, however, that having a slender Parliamentary majority but no popular mandate, the Labour Government is unlikely to commit Britain to new long-term international obligations, and that the Government will also probably put off some less pressing items.

There, it was suggested, could include negotiation of a revised Anglo-Egyptian treaty of friendship and defence, because the Conservatives have opposed the Labour Government's policy towards Egypt, especially its postwar policies to quit that country.

Labour-Conservative co-operation in foreign affairs is threatened mainly by these diplomatic situations in which British economic policy is involved.

STERLING DEBTS

The Conservatives, for instance, do not like Labour's programme of paying back the wartime Sterling debts which countries such as India, Egypt and Pakistan piled up, but the Labour Government thinks it has a moral and sound political obligation to do so, if only to help those countries keep off Communism.

The Conservatives have also criticized the Labour Government's dependence on American aid and its relations generally with the U.S.

The present Labour Government might court further attacks unless it clears up a number of issues which are now clogging Anglo-American relations.

Ruling Britain with a skinny majority in the House of Commons will be a delicate job of tight-rope walking.

Communist spokesman of the Free German Youth (FDJ) are insisting they will defy even U.S. tanks in carrying on their "peace" demonstration in all Berlin.

Ten thousand Volkspolizei (People's Police), it is reported, are ready to be brought from the Soviet zone in May to reinforce the 12,000 Communist police in East Berlin.

Several brigades of military trainee in the army branch of the Volkspolizei have been designated to act as plainclothes bodyguards for the youth parade into the Allied sector during the Whitman rally.

Communist newspapers have printed veiled threats that the marchers will fight their way through West Berlin streets if necessary. —Associated Press.

NO YARDSTICK

If they fail to muster a full enough attendance, the Government might fall. Under the British system, the régime customarily resigns almost at once when it is defeated in the House of Commons on any major issue.

There is no set yardstick for determining which issues are major ones; and which are trifles to be disregarded. In case of doubt, it is up to the Prime Minister to decide.

The Democrats have already declared that the Republican demands for armed intervention in Formosa will result in another World War. —Reuter.

Strike Threats Face France

Paris, Feb. 26.—Franco today faced a week of strike ballots. The wages strike of Paris region metal workers threatened to spread to other industries and other parts of the country.

The metal workers are due to vote for or against strike action tomorrow in Marseilles, Lyons, where the Union has already decided to come out for an indefinite period, Montbeliard and Elfort.

In the Paris region, where armed Republican security guards are occupying the strike-bound Ford and Renault motor works, the Communist Sunday newspaper, *Le Soir*, estimated that 150,000 metal workers were out in 200 factories.

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A third section, represented by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, is prepared to sit until the dust settles before taking a definite stand on the issue.

Voting on a proposed total stoppage in the nationalized gas and electrically industries and the Paris Metro (underground) and bus services will also take place tomorrow.

CONCILIATION

A decree setting up national and regional conciliation commissions, a recourse which is compulsory under the collective bargaining law, was published in the Journal Officiel today.

The Commissions will each consist of three employers' and three workers' representatives, with a representative of the Labour Ministry as chairman.

When the commissions reach conclusions, these will be binding on the parties.

A decree to set up an optional arbitration board is expected during the week.

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